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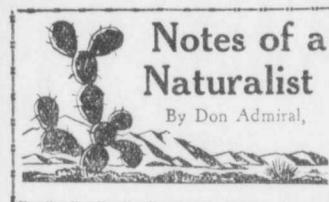
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New Bank Addition Finished

North Rim, Grand Canyon National Park: This country is an immense plateau dissected by the canyons of the Colorado river and its tributaries. The Grand Canyon lies in an easterly and westerly direction, thus dividing the area into a northern section and a southern section. North Rim is the name given to the northern section but really only applies to the plateau along the immediate edge of the canyon. Back from the canyon lies one of the most beautiful forests I have ever seen. It is called the Kaibab forest after the old Indian name for the plateau; the word Kaibab describes the plateau as a mountain lying down.

We came to the Kaibab Forest from the north, through Kanab, Utah, across some desert country, into the chaparral belt, the pinon and juniper forests and then into the Kaibab forest where the yellow pines predominate. This forest is the most extensive in the United States and in the hands of the Forest Service stands a chance of remaining undisturbed.

Jacobs Lake, in Kaibab Forest, is the junction of the main road and the road leading to the North Rim of the Grand Canyon. There is quite a cluster of buildings here in which are housed the various activities catering to the motoring public.

Nearly everyone stops for a few minutes at least as it is the last outpost for many miles. The sign reads, 45 miles to the Grand Canyon, but that does not tell the story for it should read, 45 miles through the Kaibab Forest, an open forest of yellow pines, aspen, and in the higher elevations spruce and fir. The road is well graded but not paved and in several places construction work is still in progress. You will hear wild tales about this road but you can discount them nearly one hundred per cent for conservative driving will take you over with very little inconvenience. The road is to be surfaced this year. Again, if you wish to see places you will have to adapt your driving to the condition of the road. And this is a country worth seeing.

A few miles after leaving Jacobs Lake, a white-tailed squirrel ambled across the road. I had to apply the brakes quickly to avoid running him down. We had heard of this squirrel and were delighted to see him in his native habitat. The story connected with this animal has to do with his variation from his brother on the South Rim. At one time, before the Grand Canyon formed a barrier, the squirrels were identical but now after many thousands of years of separation by the canyon, now impassable to squirrels, the tail of the squirrel on the North Rim is completely white, while that of the squirrel on the South Rim is white underneath but dark on top.

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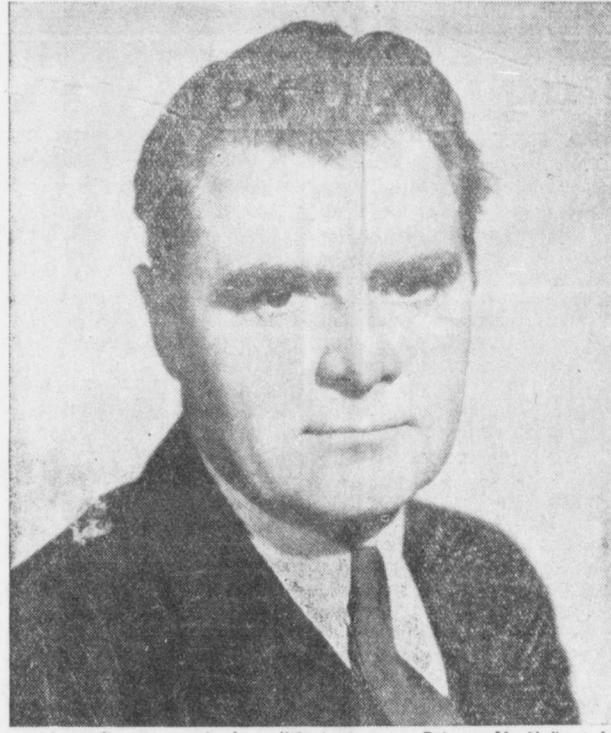
BOY SCOUT PICNIC FOR THE PUBLIC

Cabazon Troop No. 26, Boy Scouts of America, announces a public picnic for Sunday, August 1, at Bonnie Bell, Whitewater canyon. Patrons should take lunches.

There will be swimming and games in the afternoon and campfire and program in the evening. Lemonade and coffee will be served.

Admission: Adults 25c. Children free.

Probable Candidate for Governor



According to gossip in political quarters, Pearson M. Hall of Los Angeles, shown above, is a likely candidate for Governor or United States Senator on the Democratic ticket next year. Mr. Hall for the past four years has been United States Attorney for the District of Southern California and has made an enviable record. He is married and the father of two children.

Await Funds For Roads on Reservation

H. H. Quackenbush, in charge of Indian reservations in this area, is still awaiting word from the Federal government regarding the granting of funds for roads on the local reservation. The money has been appropriated but not yet received.

The first work to be undertaken is the construction of the new paved road to Palm Canyon. Then roads will be built along the section lines surrounding all of the inhabited sections of the reservation, a total of about 30 miles of paved streets.

Indians of the Morongo, Soboba, Torres Martinez and the local Agua Caliente reservations will be employed to do the work.

DR. J. F. SMITH IS CALLED BY DEATH

News was received here last week of the death of Dr. John Frederick Smith, who for many years has had offices in the Bunker building. He was found dead in a hotel room in Los Angeles last week Tuesday evening.

Dr. Smith had been staying at the Embassy hotel in the city. Hotel attendants failing to receive any reply after prolonged calls to his room, finally entered the room. Approximate time of Dr. Smith's death was placed late Tuesday afternoon or early Tuesday evening.

Dr. Smith was a graduate of Johns Hopkins Medical School and during the war was attached to the U. S. Medical Corps. He was unmarried and came to the village about eight years ago.

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Beach Club Party Honor Local Group

George Gannon, son of Judge Gannon, winter resident and owner of a beautiful estate in Tahquitz Estates, honored a number of his Palm Springs friends at a party at the Jonathan Club at Santa Monica last Saturday evening. The group enjoyed recounting occurrences of the past winter and talking about the coming season.

Among those present were Miss Katherine Henderson, Pete Sheptenko and many others.

SHEPPARD SEEKS SALE OF LAND AT SPRINGS FOR USE AS AIRPORT

Now in the form of a bill is the request by Congressman Harry Sheppard that Congress authorize the Secretary of the Interior to sell or lease to Riverside county a section of Indian land near Palm Springs as an airport for that community.

According to dispatches from Washington, Sheppard's bill proposes funds received on the deal be distributed on a per capita basis to Indians on the Agua Caliente reservation.

The original plan by Palm Springs citizens calls for the county to supervise the airport until such time as Palm Springs, under new law approved by Governor Merriam, becomes an incorporated city.

Charles Spalati, pioneer garbage collector of Palm Springs and owner of a hog ranch, has been quite ill for the past few weeks, but is again able to be out.

Palm Springs Buys New \$10,800 Fire Truck

Palm Springs fire commissioners have purchased the latest model Mack fire truck, which will be delivered here before December 1. The truck has a 150 horsepower motor and a pump having a capacity of 750 gallons per minute, although during tests the same type has pumped more than 900 gallons per minute.

The new truck was purchased chiefly so that the fire department may answer calls outside of the Palm Springs fire protection district. Under the law, the department is not permitted to leave the district without fire protection. Therefore, the American-La France truck, which has been in use here, will be retained, thus giving Palm Springs two modern fire trucks.

Whenever one truck is out on a fire, the other is available should another fire occur.

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Post Office Receipts Increase

Postoffice receipts in the Palm Springs office for the first six months of 1937 exceeded the receipts for the corresponding period of 1936 by nearly \$6,000, and was \$5,000 more than all of 1934 receipts.

If the postoffice business for the balance of the year is no more than it was during the last half of 1936, receipts will total about \$44,000, which would make this a first-class office if Palm Springs had mail carrier service. Postoffices having carrier service become first class offices when postal receipts reach the \$40,000 mark, but in towns where there is no carrier service the receipts must be 15 per cent higher, or \$46,000, before the office is rated as first.

It is reasonably certain that the Palm Springs office will reach the \$46,000 mark before the end of the year, which will then give it all the advantages enjoyed by the first class or highest rated offices.

Here are the figures of postal receipts in Palm Springs during the past 9 1/2 years:

1st half 1937	\$26,476.00
1st half 1936	20,678.27
2nd half 1936	17,498.26
All of 1936	38,176.53
1935	28,079.20
1934	21,382.66
1933	16,810.15
1932	14,087.01
1931	12,793.34
1930	12,119.52
1929	11,148.74
1928	8,412.72

Postmaster R. M. Gorham has ordered 300 additional postoffice boxes which he hopes can be installed by the early part of next season.

Fine Improvements Of 2 Palm Springs Residences

Contractor Charles G. Chamberlain will begin work next week on a large addition to the Henry Weinberger home, formerly the R. H. Hood estate. The cost of the new improvements will total \$15,000.

Mr. Chamberlain has just completed a new guest house and remodeling of the William Kidston home in Tahquitz Desert Estates. The cost was \$20,000.

Mexican Confesses He Killed Man Near Thermal

Francisco Aguirre, 24, wanted for murder in Riverside county, was arrested in Niland Tuesday morning by Deputy Sheriff James P. DeWitt as he stepped from a freight train pulling into the junction city.

The Mexican is wanted for the fatal shooting of Gabriel Contreras on the Herbert Leach ranch near Thermal Sunday night. According to Sheriff's Deputies W. W. Wahra and M. L. Vivian and Deputy Coroner Seymour Cash, Riverside officers, the shooting resulted from an argument between Aguirre and Contreras over groceries.

Aguirre borrowed a .32 Smith & Wesson revolver from Leach, saying he was going to shoot coyotes with it.

Within 10 minutes after Aguirre borrowed the gun he shot and fatally wounded Contreras. Aguirre hid the gun under a pillow in the cabin of a friend working on the ranch and started for Niland, walking. He walked nearly all the way to Niland, hiding the next day and hopping a freight train early that morning.

Aguirre was taken to El Centro and lodged in the county jail by Deputy Sheriff Bill Lott, stationed at Calipatria. In the presence of Deputy Lott and Deputy Joe Lizarra, Aguirre talked freely to Sheriff R. W. Ware and told why he shot Contreras, and then walked away from the ranch.

W. A. Etchison, local Standard Oil distributor, made a business trip to San Diego, Thursday.



(By Carl Barkow)

I heard a good one in Riverside the other day. It seems that a police officer saw a lady make a left turn across Main street without putting her hand out. "Where are your hands?" bellowed the officer as he ordered her to stop. "Here's one," she said as she put her thumb to her nose, "and here's the other," as she connected the thumb of the other hand with the little finger of the first, and blithely wiggled the eight fingers something like a clarinet player.

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A traffic officer told me he felt the complaints about speeding cars and trucks through towns are a reflection on the motor patrol officers and might lead some people to believe the officers are not trying to perform their duties. He said he had followed many cars and trucks through towns and most of them do not exceed the speed limit of 25 miles per hour or 20 miles across the intersections when he is behind them. Right! They all have rear-view mirrors. A damphule law makes it almost impossible for the state of officers to catch deliberate traffic violators. When the state legislature wakes up to the fact that the officers haven't much chance as long as they are compelled to ride white motorcycles or drive white automobiles, we'll begin to get somewhere in making the highways safer. It would be just as sensible to dress the G-Men in wide-striped suits and make them carry banners reading "I'm a G-Man."

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Now the Coachella Chamber of Commerce comes forward and asks the county supervisors to build the proposed \$50,000 county branch hospital in their little city. The Indio chamber of commerce and city council cannot agree whether they want the hospital or not, so Coachella, which is only three miles from Indio, may have a good chance of getting it—if the county decides to build a hospital in the Valley.

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Have you read about the new scientific method of growing bumper crops without soil? The new scientific method has become a reality, for a number of Los Angeles people have tried it and found out it works far beyond their expectations. In fact, a Los Angeles firm now sells an experimental package of chemicals for one dollar which, it is said, is all that is needed. The chemicals are dissolved in 12 gallons of water, which is poured into a flat tank. Just above the water level is fine

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POLICE NEWS

Robert A. Lombard, Jr., age 17, was arrested last Friday night by Police Officer A. F. Cutler on the charge of grand theft. He was accused of stealing an automobile from John C. Rapp, local electrician. Young Lombard was picked up as he attempted to return the car to Rapp's garage. He stated he had only borrowed the car to drive to Indio. He said he had lived in Palm Springs the past seven months and was employed at the bowling alley, where he also had sleeping quarters. It is reported he had also been arrested in Hollywood on a similar charge and was out on probation when he was picked up here.

Alvino Travino, local gardener, was fined \$20, and B. Marquez drew 90 days in the county road camp as the result of a fist fight at the corner of Indian avenue and Andread Road. It is charged both men were intoxicated when they were arrested by Officer Cutler.

Orville Schriber, of the Palm Springs Drug Co., recently returned from his vacation, which he spent in and around San Francisco. He was gone for three weeks.

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"We The People"

We can't help but wonder sometimes just who frames and initiates some of the curious irrational proposals which are submitted to California voters every two years.

For economic confusion and ballot inconsistency, consider some of the measures now in preparation for the 1938 election. For example:

There's an act to jump the old age pension to \$50 or \$100 per month, which is grand for the old folks, but kind of hard on the young and middle-aged. Then, there's an act to exempt all homes, up to \$3500, from taxation. An interesting prospect, too, who'd pack the load? There's a scheme to repeal the income tax and another to repeal the sales tax. Then, incongruously, there's one to make it easier to vote bond issues, though it does nothing to make them easier to pay. And another to exempt all idle or unproductive property from taxation, which would certainly kick back on the industrious producer.

But in the entire list, to-date, there's only one proposal to check high-wide-and-handsome governmental expenditures. That's the 5 per cent annual limitation on state, county and city budget increases. There are other proposals, to be sure, to limit taxes. But tax limitation without expenditure limitation is simply hocus pocus, meaning—"You pick up the load; I'm tired!"

Theoretically, of course, in all of this "we, the people" are speaking! This is direct legislation. But actually, we probably have been busy with our daily chores. Perhaps we can't be blamed for what the ballot proposes. But we can be blamed if unsound proposals receive our stamp of approval at the ballot box. Next year will be a good year to be wary, because "we, the people" are mostly taxpayers. We're the same people who foot the bills!

Banning Theatre

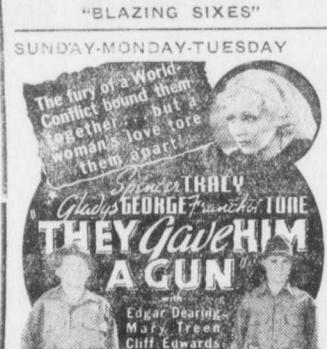
Nights at 6:30 Phone 3714
Continuous Sat., Sun. and Holidays

TONIGHT (FRIDAY)

Also "HOTEL HAYWIRE" with Leo Carillo

SATURDAY**THE FRAME-UP**

*PAUL KELLY
Jacqueline WELLS
and Dick Foran in
"BLAZING SIXES"

SUNDAY-MONDAY-TUESDAY

Plus This 2nd Big Hit!



News Silly Symphony

WEDNESDAY—A BIG NITE!

Also "BEHIND THE HEADLINES" with Lee Tracy

THURSDAY and FRIDAY

—Also—
"MARRIED BEFORE BREAKFAST" with Robert Young Colored Traveltalk

**Start Survey
On Coachella
Valley Canal**

Survey work is well under way by Reclamation Service engineers on the first 20-mile sector of the Coachella branch of the All-American Canal.

Tapping the All-American canal near Gray's Well filling station, the Coachella Valley canal will follow close to the hills for some distance. A portion of the route will be revised slightly.

By swinging off to the west from the sandhills the Coachella branch will gain a drop of about 12 feet for the development of power. The new routing will make a larger block of land between the sandhills and the Coachella branch available for irrigation.

The big ditch will be ten feet deep and 40 feet wide at the bottom, sloping upward to a width of 100 feet at the top. Through the sandy sections where slides might occur the floor and sidewalls will be surfaced. Instead of using concrete, engineers are now studying the feasibility of clay as surfacing material. The clay would cost only a fraction as much as the concrete and it is believed would be satisfactory.

Puddled with water during spreading, the clay would be plastered to a thickness of four feet on the sides of the canal and to a lesser depth on the bottom.

The Coachella canal will carry approximately 2200 second feet of water as it leaves the All American canal. It is planned to distribute 700 feet to the East Mesa section in the Imperial Irrigation district, in return for which the Imperial district bears a portion of the cost of the Coachella canal through their territory. It is estimated that 1500 second feet will be delivered to the Coachella Valley.

With approximately a nine-inch fall per mile, the canal flow will be in the neighborhood of three feet per second, it is understood.

In the East Mesa section a 30 foot drop will provide power for generation of electricity and in the Coachella Valley, east of Coachella, a 70 foot drop will furnish power sufficient for a large hydro-electric generating plant.

Three years will be required for the construction of the 120-mile canal and its laterals and distribution system, engineers estimate. The first construction contract, however, on the section now being surveyed, is scheduled to be completed by July 1, 1938. Money for that work is already available. Financing of the balance of the canal will be by government appropriation. The appropriation already has been approved by Congress and now awaits only the President's signature.

The most serious problem faced by engineers in construction of the canal will be to carry the water over or under the washes that carry the runoff from the desert mountains east of the canal route. In some cases it will be necessary to tunnel under the channels and in other cases concrete flumes will be built to carry the water above the deeply eroded washes. Box

Canyon, near Mecca, will be one of the most difficult flood channels to cross, it is pointed out. It will be necessary there to first narrow the present wide channel and control the flow of flood waters through the new channel before it can be crossed by the irrigation canal.

It is probable that a reservoir will be established in the Dos Palms area, water from which could be turned into the canal, continuing service to the Coachella Valley in case a break occurred in any portion of the 80-mile waterway extending southward from Dos Palms.

The canal from Dos Palms on through the Coachella Valley follows close to the old beach line, practically paralleling the railroad to a point near the American Airways airport, where it will swing toward U. H. Highway 99, crossing that thoroughfare and the railroad not far from the DeWitt service station, thence circling the valley until it terminates at the Riverside county line near Travertine Point, with a spillway into Salton Sea.

It is understood that the water will be placed available to each 40-acre tract largely by the use of underground cement conduits.

Surveying of the northern section will begin this fall, the Reclamation service planning to establish an office in Coachella, September 1.

**STEEG ELECTED
AS POSTMASTER
AT 29 PALMS**

Benjamin H. Steeg has been named acting postmaster for Twenty-Nine Palms. The appointment was announced by W. W. Howes, acting postmaster general.

Steeg will assume charge of the postoffice as soon as his credentials arrive and postal authorities arrive to make formal transfer.

It is understood that the postmastership will be filled permanently following a competitive civil service examination.

**OFFICERS HUNT IN
VAIN FOR DEAD MAN**

At 3 a. m., Sunday, when Riverside was pounding its collective ear, Coroner Ben F. White was roused from slumber to journey to Elsinore, there to investigate The Case of the Dead Man Who Did Not Stay Put.

With him trekked Undersheriff S. F. Lynch, Deputy Sheriffs Dean and Worcester and Officer Clarence West of the California Highway Patrol, all bent on lending assistance.

At the lake community the delegation was joined by two Los Angeles motorists who had reported to Elsinore police that they had seen "a dead man" lying at the side of the Ortega highway.

With the pair as guides, the cavalcade adjourned to the designated spot. No dead man was there.

In fact, the "corpse" was painfully conspicuous by its absence.

Coroner White thought ruefully of his comfortable bed. "Guess it was just a drunk who finished his nap and walked away," he opined.

The Riverside officers didn't say much on the way home.

PROPOSED BUDGET DESERT SCHOOL DISTRICT**RIVERSIDE COUNTY**

NOTICE: A public hearing will be held before the board of trustees in the school house of the Desert school district on August 3, 1937, at 8 o'clock P. M., at which time and place any taxpayer in the district may appear and object to this proposed budget or any item thereof.

PROPOSED EXPENDITURES FOR 1937-38

1. Administration	\$	25,100.00
2. Instruction		3,500.00
3. Library		2,000.00
4. Operation of Plant		2,600.00
5. Maintenance of Plant		8,850.00
6. Auxiliary Agencies		150.00
7. Undistributed		40,000.00
8. Special Charges		83,200.00
9. Capital Outlays		
10. Total proposed expenditures		

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS 1937-1938

A. Sources other than District Tax		
1. District Balance July 1, 1937	\$	26,445.00
2. State School Fund		20,775.00
3. State General Fund		35,980.00
4. Miscellaneous Receipts		83,200.00
Total, exclusive of District Tax		47,220.00
B. Amount required to be levied by district tax		35,980.00
C. Total Income Requirement		83,200.00

PROPOSED BUDGET BANNING UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**RIVERSIDE COUNTY**

NOTICE: A public hearing will be held before the board of trustees in the school house of the Banning High school district on August 4, 1937, at 8 o'clock P. M., at which time and place any taxpayer in the district may appear and object to this proposed budget or any item thereof.

PROPOSED EXPENDITURES FOR 1937-38

1. Administration	\$	220.00
2. Instruction		32,585.00
3. Library		1,230.00
4. Operation of Plant		6,315.00
5. Maintenance of Plant		4,820.00
6. Auxiliary Agencies		4,500.00
7. Undistributed		3,000.00
8. Special Charges		1,200.00
9. Capital Outlays		41,500.00
10. Total proposed expenditures		95,370.00

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS 1937-1938

A. Sources other than District Tax		
1. District Balance July 1, 1937	\$	17,955.00
2. State School Fund		25,776.00
3. State General Fund		639.00
4. Miscellaneous Receipts		44,370.00
Total, exclusive of District Tax		50,000.00
B. Amount required to be levied by district tax		95,370.00
C. Total Income Requirement		

**VIRGINIA DRYSDALE
WINNER OF TRIP IN
BEAUTY CONTEST**

In a telephone message to her father, Harvey Johnson, Monday, Virginia Drysdale of Long Beach announced she had been successful in a national beauty contest, sponsored by a well known national magazine. She is slated to leave Long Beach for New York this week, where she will be with nine other winners. The young women are chosen as the ten most beautiful women in America. From a nationwide contest the ten women were selected.

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Thoughts on Things

Harvey Johnson

Home from Seattle and way points. Got my eye full of greenery and scenery all the way from San Francisco to Puget Sound. On the going trip we reached Klamath Falls in the early morning. The town lies at 4,001 feet above sea level and the summer climate is magnificent. Probably its winter climate could be described by some word that wouldn't look nice in print.

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We hear a great deal about our vanishing wild life. In upper Klamath lake are hordes of waterfowl. Mother ducks are on the water teaching the little duckies to catch bugs and little fishes. From the train the mudhens and ducks are distinguished because mudhens are always busy, diving and feeding while ducks are more stationary. Pelicans and waterbirds of many sizes and colors mix with more congeniality than do some Republicans and Democrats. No shooting irons about so the wild birds, close to the shore, and railway tracks, are unafraid as the train roars by.

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Saw the Golden Gate bridge; it is somewhat larger than the Owl Wash Bridge, near Calazon.

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In the Klamath forest the big timber is cut, but a generous bounty of second growth is coming to maturity. It requires from 50 to 75 years to grow a tree of merchantable size. Twenty years from now there will be many thousands of acres of saw timber. Reforestation is practiced by the United States and state governments. Private lumbering interests are not so intelligent. They got theirs. The timber cut, the land in many cases is worthless.

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Lake Odell in Southern Oregon is a jewel set in the forested hills; gleaming in the sun—a sight good to behold. It is paradise in summer and the other place (only cooler) in winter. Leaving the lake we cross the Cascades through many tunnels and in due time reach the Willamette Valley, and Portland. The Columbia river is a mighty stream, an inspiration to the nature lover as it flows majestically on to the sea. The Los Angeles river is quite different. It appears so dry it seems it would have to be primed before it could carry a stream.

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Seattle is a city set on seven hills. It is famous for its scenery, salmon steaks and labor troubles. Dust bowl refugees from Montana are coming in without the bid of the Chamber of Commerce. It's a region rich in natural resources. If the ability to dig a living out of the soil, has not been lost to the American people, there is independence in a small form in the Seattle-Tacoma region. But, who wants to slave any more? The government is very kind to those in distress, so why work or worry?

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My son Roger at Seattle uses Eromig gas in his car. Guess the word is spelled backward. Figure it out. Here's Gilmore now! He took us around Lake Washington one Sunday. It is the largest fresh

water lake in Washington and is very picturesque.

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One day we took a boat at the Seattle waterfront and rode through a part of Puget Sound, through the locks to Lake Union and on to Lake Washington. Saw the sawmills spitting sawdust. Saw log-rolling by seasoned lumber workers. Along the waterfront are many house boats. It is said Seattle has 5,000 people who live in houses built over the water.

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Travel to Alaska is exceedingly heavy this summer. In order to get a boat ride one has to make reservation some time in advance.

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Fruit crops in the Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys are abundant. There are probably 100,000 refugees there, from the drought states, looking for work. Many are camped along the railroads and highways. They sometimes present a picture of despair. They are not the type to turn back. They have come to California to stay. With the development of the Central Valley Water project there will be room for a few millions more. Within twenty years or sooner look to see a population of 15 millions in California.

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Seattle in the midst of plenty is not so well off. Apparently one white elephant is the municipal railway system which was acquired when Ole Hanson (of San Clemente and 29 Palms) was mayor. The system is 8 and 1/2 million dollars in debt. Steps are being taken to deal with the bond holders on a reduction. The conductors and motormen are not certain of getting their weekly wage. The dream of municipal ownership was pleasant until realized and pay day came around.

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Washington state has a 2-cent sales tax. You buy 5 tokens for a penny. A token is required with every purchase of 5 cents or over. The tax cannot be absorbed. Everything is taxed, excepting the scenery.

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Liquor control is very much in evidence in Seattle. The state-owned liquor stores require a license to purchase. Beer and wine are sold in the "taverns," which in California might be called beer parlors. There are no bars, no cocktail lounges. Everything in the liquor line in the city is closed tight on Sunday. Oregon also has strict liquor control. California is headed that way.

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The Pacific Northwest is a region of great natural beauty. It needs some California sunshine in winter. The Seattle rainfall over a 41-year period averages about 39 inches per year. That means much drizzle. In Southern California it may rain for three days and then shine for a week. That resourceful land called Washington and Oregon could feed millions in emergency. They will never have any dust bowls.

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Anchored at Seattle was Fleishman's palatial yacht. It cost a million and a quarter dollars. Housewives as they put yeast in the dough helped make dough for Fleishman. The yeast king and his party had returned from a cruise to Alaska and were ready to head the floating palace toward the Panama Canal. Fleishman made an extended stay at Palm Springs last winter, but he didn't bring his yacht down here, although there was plenty of water in Smoke Tree wash during a flood.

BLYTHE STATION NEAR TOP IN NUMBER OF CARS ENTERING STATE

Blythe station, only port of entry into California located in Riverside county, was well up toward the top in the number of cars, trucks and passengers going through its quarantine during June, according to figures given out by A. A. Brock, director of the state department of agriculture.

A total of 11,141 cars went through, of which 7,261 had out-of-state registration. Yermo had a total of 17,309 of which 9,807 were "foreign" and Truckee's totals were 11,875 and 5,907. State totals for June were 97,618 entering with 51,679 from other states.

Passengers carried by the cars going through Blythe numbered 33,579, while at Yermo there were 51,608; Truckee, 33,051 and the state as a whole had 271,202.

Blythe's figures did not include 4108 passengers who came into the state on 203 stages. Yermo had 4323 state passengers on 254 buses; Truckee had 4108 on 271; and into the state as a whole 259,75 entered on 173 stages.

San Gorgonio Pass Is Best Air Route

According to the Riverside Enterprise, San Gorgonio Pass has been selected by the transcontinental airlines as the best air route into Southern California. In a recent editorial, the Enterprise had this to say:

"San Gorgonio Pass has long been known as the safest entrance by air into California and abandonment of the Cajon pass route has been contemplated for years by the transcontinental airlines.

"Recent announcement of the building of radio range stations at Needles, Indio and Riverside and the closing of the Fontana station indicates that the San Gorgonio route is to come into its own.

"All the great transcontinental lines including American Airlines and the Western Air will no doubt use this route into California which follows Riverside county throughout its entire length. This means valuable publicity for the county, especially for citrus-growing cities such as Riverside which look like charming gardens from the air."

The Editorial Circuit Rider

Speedy trial and punishment of the fiendish slayer of three little Ingleswood girls and an intensive campaign to remove the ever-present menace of sexual perversity was strongly urged by California editors.

Control of the criminally minded, however, can be made effective only with full cooperation of the entire population, it was agreed.

Within a few hours after the slayings, according to the Hollister Free Lance, a dozen degenerates were picked up for questioning.

"It is not a very pleasing picture to dwell on, is it?" continues the Free Lance. "Dozens of degenerates, free to roam the country unmolested waiting only a major crime before they are rounded up on the possibility that one or more of them may be guilty of some heinous crime such as the one reported in Southern California. The logical question is why are these men who are known to be possessors of twisted, perverted minds allowed the liberties of normal human beings? Why are they not kept locked up where they are no longer a menace to society?"

"Society," notes the Fullerton News Tribune, "has no greater or more difficult problem than dealing with degeneracy. Preventive measures are almost impossible, for the reason that degeneracy seldom displays any symptoms until the overt act has been done. Punishment after the crime, of course, does not bring back the victims, nor does it have any serious deterrent effect on a degenerate mind."

"Crime by degeneracy," agrees the Oroville Mercury Register, "are much too common. If these people are too numerous for our institutions, yet too dangerous to be allowed to move about in complete freedom it seems that some sort of check system should be employed. They should at least be made to report regularly to the police so that their movements could be watched."

"These cases," said the Bakersfield Californian, "are not measured by grade of mentality. Low mental standards may be comparable with accepted social behavior, while the criminally inclined may have a superior rating but with manias toward anti-social acts. The difficulty is to recognize these persons before they commit criminal and tragic acts. That is one of the perplexities of social life and one of the obstacles in keeping society healthy."

"Why do such tragedies as that at Inglewood happen?" asks the Anaheim Bulletin. "What goes wrong inside human beings to turn them into such merciless beasts? This is not the first time within memory that incidents of this kind have been recorded, though none have surpassed this for utter depravity and mercilessness. If there is anything to be learned from this crime the lesson is for the criminologists and the sociologists upon whom rests the responsibility for devising and applying regulations which will single out the depraved, and cure or dispose of them."

"The horrible tragedy at Inglewood," states the Pasadena Star News, "should convey a warning to parents who are careless about where their children play out of school hours, and who are not careful as to the associations of their children. Some mothers permit their children to roam the streets and alleys at will. This is a very dangerous course. Perils to young children may lurk around any corner. Parents should cooperate to the fullest extent with the school authorities and with officers of the law in protecting the little ones."

The department hopes that these regulations, if followed, will prevent motorists from colliding with wrecked cars engaged in the removal of wrecks.

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DEER HUNTING SEASON TO OPEN SEPTEMBER 15

Deer hunting season opens in the southern counties of California September 16 and closes October 15. This change was passed by the last session of the state legislature and goes into effect this season. Other changes authorized by the new hunting laws that are of local interest include a change of game districts.

In districts 4 and 4½, which include San Bernardino, Riverside, Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, and Imperial counties deer season opens September 15 and closes October 15.

The new hunting laws require that deer tags must be countersigned by a state or county officer, justice of the peace or notary public, before deer may be transported after it is killed. This does not prevent the deer being transported to the nearest officer who is authorized to countersign deer tags. As in the past all deer hunters in California must secure deer tags in addition to the regulation hunting license. Licenses cost \$2 for citizens of California, and deer tags cost \$1.00.

SOME FIGURES ABOUT PARKER DAM

(Calexico Chronicle)

Parker dam, where soldiers have been called out and strikes have held up work, will be one of the most unusual structures in the world. It is being constructed by the Bureau of Reclamation on the Colorado river 155 miles below what we like to consider our own Boulder dam.

In some data issued by the department of the interior, I ran across the fact that although the dam is to be a concrete arch rising 340 feet above its foundation, only about 100 feet of the dam will extend above the stream bed. The remainder will be in a tremendous excavation, 240 feet deep, required to reach bedrock.

Bedrock has just been reached at Parker dam site, in the deepest hole ever dug for foundation of a dam. It was reached at a depth of 230 feet below the river bed, but at the deepest point the excavation will go 10 feet deeper. F. T. Crowe, superintendent, described the excavation as the "toughest hole ever attempted by man."

Parker dam will regulate flow of the Colorado below Boulder dam and is to have a storage capacity of 700,000 acre-feet of water. Hydro-electric power will be generated there, while the dam will raise the water surface of the river more than 75 feet for diversion into the aqueduct of the Metropolitan Water District. The water district is putting up the funds for construction of the dam.

Although contract was awarded back in 1934, excavation did not start until October of last year when the river was successfully diverted through two tunnels. Construction before that was interrupted by the state of Arizona shortly after the job had started in 1934 and was suspended for many months. It is now called 70 per cent complete.

Here are some figures that ought to make your head swim. The aqueduct, for which Parker dam will serve as a diversion structure, will carry about a billion gallons of water daily 242 miles from the reservoir to 13 cities on the coastal plain of Southern California.

Water in the aqueduct will be lifted a total of 1617 feet in crossing two mountain ranges. The lifts will be made at five pumping stations.

TOW CARS MUST CARRY SIGNS

A standard for signs to be used by tow cars while removing wrecked vehicles from the highway was issued this week by the State Motor Vehicle Department at Sacramento.

The signs, which are required by state law, are to be at least 24 inches square showing the words "slow-wreck," each word to be 20 inches long with black letters five inches high, against a yellow background.

An approved red reflector is to be placed in the upper left hand corner on the face of the sign.

The department hopes that these regulations, if followed, will prevent motorists from colliding with wrecked cars engaged in the removal of wrecks.

Vacation Conversation

(By Homer King in the Hemet News)

Vacation days are here. It won't be long before the girls about town start coming back from the beaches with their coats of tan, and we expect to overhear many a conversation like this—

"You look swell, May. Have a good time?"

"Did I have a good time? I'll tell the world I had a good time."

"Meet any fellers?"

"I'll tell the world I met some fellahs."

"Gosh, I'll bet you had a good time."

"Yeah, wanna see some pitchers we took?"

"I'll tell the world I do. Let's see."

"You'll die at this first one. Guess which is me? Yup, there I am. You'd never know me wouldja? Well, that fellah sittin' down beside me is the one that had the car, and the guy in front of him is the one I was tellin' you about that took me to the dance. The girl next to him — yeah, she's kinda homely — is his girl. I don't know who those other fellahs are. Guess they just seen us takin' pitchers and sat down without us knowin' it. This is me in my bathin' suit — it's green. 'Me for the girl in green,' all the fellahs kep' sayin'." They were a scream. This one here is the same crowd standin' up. This next one is the same crowd, only sittin' down again. I guess one of the fellahs changed his position in this one, too. He was a scream. These rest are just me sittin' down and standin' up, all in my bathin' suit."

"Betcha hate to go back to work!"

"Do I hate it? I'll tell the world I do."

"Betcha you'll be hearin' from some of the fellers."

"Oh, g'wan, be yourself."

"See ya later, May."

"I'll tell the world! So long."

NITROGEN SAID TO BE ONLY MAIN FERTILIZER AIDING DECIDUOUS TREE

That nitrogen is the only major fertilizer to which deciduous trees respond is stated as the result of experiments by the University of California in a bulletin by E. L. Proehl of Davis which now is available at the office of M. M. Winslow, Riverside county farm advisor, 3937 Orange street.

From organic sources, nitrogen is available in fish meal, tankage, cottonseed meal, manure and urea. Inorganic sources include ammonium sulfate, sodium nitrate, calcium nitrate, liquid ammonium and cyanamid. Choice of all but the last depends almost entirely on the expense involved, but cyanamid should be used only with caution on neutral or acid soils, it is advised.

Phosphate and potassium did not influence plants in the test plots. Growers should carefully figure out how to get the largest number of nitrogen units per dollar in making their choice of fertilizers. These materials are no substitute for cultivation, irrigation and pruning, it is pointed out.

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1,648,000 MAN-YEARS OF EMPLOYMENT AS RESULT OF AUTO SALES

Because of the greater public demand for motor cars during the last year, payrolls of the automobile, petroleum and allied industries last year were increased by more than 500,000 men, according to Herman Alber, Jr., assistant manager of refined oil sales, Gilmore Oil Company.

Motor vehicle registrations increased 2,000,000 in 1936, and since each vehicle pays \$50 a year in taxes, the gain in taxes will be \$100,000,000 annually during the life of the automobiles, which averages slightly better than eight years. According to the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads, each \$1,000,000 spent on road construction provides employment to 1,030 men for one year. Accordingly, the taxes paid by the motor vehicles represented in the increased registrations will provide 193,000 man-years of employment annually, or \$24,000 man-years of work.

Not only has increased automobile buying added hundreds of thousands of men to industrial payrolls, but it also has benefitted the 200,000 men operating garages and service stations throughout the country, declared Alber. Automobile production has continued at high levels during the first five months of 1937 and it is expected that increased registrations of motor vehicles will approximate the record of last year. If that occurs, then the man-years of employment from taxes collected as a result of the gain in automobiles on American highways during the past two years will be 1,648,000 during the life of the automobiles.

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DESERT SUN BEAMS

A. G. McManus, who purchased the Torrance homestead on Barristo Road about three months ago, is having the house completely remodeled under the direction of Phillip Ormsby.

Mrs. Francis Crocker and two sons are spending the summer at Ocean-side, where Mr. Crocker spends most of his week-ends. Their youngest son, David, arrived at the Crocker home on May 21 to be a companion to his older brother, Jeremy.

Word has been received from the bedside of Mrs. Rufus J. Chapman, who is in St. Vincent's hospital in Los Angeles, that she is seriously ill. A baby girl, named Rita Jo Chapman, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Chapman on July 16 at the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Ransom and Don Cameron spent several days last week at Heltogato Lodge near Idyllwild. They reported a very enjoyable weekend at the mountain resort.

Mrs. Reginald Owen is now living in her new adobe home built in Tahquitz Desert Estates by Lee Miller.

R. E. Ames, Carrier Air Conditioner distributor in San Bernardino and Riverside counties in California and Clark, Lincoln and Nye counties in Nevada, was in Palm Springs this week for several days conferring with Pete Sheptenko, Palm Springs dealer for the popular coolers. So much interest has been shown in Palm Springs in air conditioning equipment that both men were making plans to speed delivery on new orders.

Glenn Waite, local young man, recently purchased a lot in Winter Haven Manor and expects to build a home on it this year.

LIBRARY NOTES
The Palm Springs Public Library is open three days a week: Monday 1-5, 7-8; Tuesday, 9-12, 1-5, 7-8; Wednesday, 9-12, 1-5.

An air cooler has recently been installed, making the room pleasant for reading.

There have been a number of children's books added during the summer: Kipling's Jungle books, Kim and Just-so-stories; Robin Hood; King Arthur and His Knights; Dr. Doolittle stories; Andrew Lang Fairy Tales.

"Gone With the Wind" is now off the reserve list and is available. Donated last week was the popular autobiography, "An American Doctor's Odyssey."

You are invited to use the public library. If the book for which you are looking is not on the shelves, it may be ordered from the Riverside County Library.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC IMPROVEMENTS AT CABAZON

Southern Pacific has made noteworthy improvements at Cabazon on account of increased rail traffic.

New trackage there amounts to 1,800 feet. The railroad water tank has been moved 1,200 feet. Three telegraphers on eighty-hour shifts give continuous service.

Cabazon and El Casco are now two important train dispatching stations.

REDLANDS METHODIST GROUP HAS DESERT PARTY

Young people of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Redlands Monday night enjoyed a motor trip to Andreas canyon for their weekly hobby night activity.

The group met at the church at 6:30 p. m., motoring to the popular canyon where they enjoyed a number of games and hiking.

The evening's program was closed with a short devotional period. About 30 enjoyed the evening's outing.

Pour Concrete for New School at Cabazon

Work is progressing rapidly on the new Cabazon school building. The forms have been completed and workmen are now pouring the concrete for the floor and 12-inch thick walls. The entire building will be of concrete reinforced with steel, including the roof, which will be flat and project eight feet beyond the walls on all four sides. The roof being of reinforced concrete, six inches thick, and then covered with insulation and roofing paper, and projecting far enough to shade the walls, the building will be cool throughout the warm spring and fall months. The building will be completed early in October, and the Cabazon school will start its school year at that time.

The new building will have two large rooms, a stage, cloak rooms and toilets.

Sun Spots

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mesh chicken netting covered with excelsior. The plants or the seed are put in the excelsior, and as the water evaporates or is used up by the plants more water is added to maintain the water level. No more chemicals are added. The roots go into the water and the plants feed on the chemicals. The crops raised in this manner without soil are 200 times more than when grown in soil covering the same area, it is reported. Thus the resident in a city flat or apartment house can grow his own flowers and vegetables in a sunny spot on his back porch or yard, or, if he wishes to install the proper electric lamps, he can grow them for the market in his basement. That doesn't sound so encouraging to the owner of large acreage.

With this soilless method and using only water and the mineral salts, at his Montebello home, Dr. F. W. Gerické has produced better vegetables, more to the acre, and has lengthened the growing season. The yield has been 400,000 pounds of tomatoes to the acre growing on bushes so large they have to be harvested by a ladder; 2500 bushels of potatoes to the acre; potatoes larger, cleaner and smoother than any ever produced; tobacco plants 25 feet tall; all sorts of vegetables larger and of better flavor than those grown in soil.

The editor of a Macon, Georgia, newspaper thought he started something new when he organized the Independent Order of Coatless Men. We've been going without coats hereabouts throughout the summer ever since I can remember, and in Palm Springs it has long been a year-around custom.

MANY INDIGENTS SEEKING HELP IN CALIFORNIA

California's migratory indigent problem reached the regular monthly council meeting of state department heads at the State building in Los Angeles Monday where a first-hand picture of the situation was painted by Harold E. Pomeroy, director of the State Relief Administration.

The meeting was called by Governor Frank F. Merriam.

Pomeroy told the council that 194,732 migrants needing employment had entered the state in the period from January, 1935, through last June. Of this total, 142,906 are "dust bowl" migrants, mostly from Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas.

The people, Pomeroy said, were anxious to obtain agriculture and ranch jobs, even if it was for only one or two days a week, asserting they could live better in California on such work than in the dust bowl.

Under these circumstances more California residents have been thrown on relief rolls, while comparatively few of the "dust bowlers" are seeking relief.

Pomeroy also disclosed that 2900 cases of illegal entrants into the country are being held in the files of the United States Immigration Service, but action is being withheld because of hardships that would result to American-born children of the law-violators.

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The Grand Canyon is vast; it is colorful; it is inspiring; words fail the visitors as they turn to their companions to try to express their fanciful ideas then they gradually drop into the very usual and commonplace expressions that might apply to a cow pasture gully. The Grand Canyon is just too much for them.

But magnificent as the Grand Canyon is, the story behind it is greater, for here while looking at a vast chasm cut in rock we are also looking back hundreds of millions of years in time; much of the history of the earth lies opened before us, five chapters, covering the great expanse of time from the oldest rocks to recent rocks of the last chapter, the one we are living today.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Athletic Commission of the State of California for a permit to conduct amateur boxing and wrestling in the location known as "Sportland," located in the Plaza Project in the Village of Palm Springs, Riverside County, California.

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